

PEACE IN BELIEVING.

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MY DEAR friend:—In your last letter you tell me that you “are not yet able to say that you have peace with God,” and that it often seems to you that all is “confused in your soul.” There is nothing surprising in that. Until the love of God in Christ is clearly known, and the heart established in grace, it is natural to experience this trouble and confusion. More than one Christian has had the same when the eyes have been turned away from Jesus.

“I do not doubt,” you say, “the purifying efficacy of the blood of Christ; but has my soul been sprinkled with this blood.” The word of God, my dear friend gives you an answer to this question; and if you can see it there, your soul will rejoice in perfect peace. Read in the Book of Acts, 13th chapter and verses 38 and 39.

You cannot doubt the purifying efficacy of the blood of Christ; now, is not that to believe in Jesus? And what says the passage I have just referred you to? “Whosoever believes is justified by Him.” You wish to have peace, you know that it is only to be found in Christ, and this same word of God tells you, “Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.” (verse 38). The pardon and peace which accompany it are announced by Jesus. “And by Him all that believe are justified.”